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RWANDAN REFUGEE UPDATE
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I. Refugee Numbers

- * 800,000 - 1,000,000 Rwandan refugees (Hutus) have entered the Goma region of Zaire since July 14, joining the 13,000 (in Goma and Bukavu) who fled from April through June, 1994. The new refugees, some who are assumed to be responsible for the genocide of Tutsis in Rwanda, are fleeing in fear of RPF retaliation. Zaire hosted 50,000 Rwandan refugees (Tutsis) prior to the April crisis; these older refugees fled around 1960.
- * An estimated 3,000,000 people are displaced inside Rwanda; 2,000,000 of these are in the French safe zone. Many may also flee to Zaire if their security is threatened or if humanitarian relief is not available.

II. International Relief Efforts

- * UNHCR is coordinating assistance to refugees. It has:
 - sent an emergency team and extra field staff to Goma;
 - drawn on contingency stocks to begin relief delivery;
 - started airlifting additional relief supplies.
- * WFP is providing food for refugees and displaced. It has:
 - sent a rapid response team to Goma;
 - begun airlifting food from Entebbe to Goma;
 - identified additional food in Mombassa and Angola to be airlifted.
- * ICRC is primarily assisting displaced in Rwanda, but has also provided some assistance to refugees. It has:
 - made food stocks in Goma available to refugees;
 - begun airlifting additional food into Goma.
- * UNICEF is engaged in providing shelter and potable water to refugees.
- * NGOs currently assisting refugees in Goma include:
 - MSF/Holland: providing health care
 - OXFAM: transports food from Uganda to Zaire
 - CARITAS: distributes food to refugees;
 - Local church-related NGOs: involved in the provision and distribution of assistance.
 - CARE/Canada: will be UNHCR's primary implementing partner responsible for camp management and relief distribution.

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III. USG Assistance

- * The USG has provided over \$100 million in humanitarian assistance to the Rwanda region since April 6, 1994. Breakdown by agency is as follows:

State/PRM:	\$15.6 million
DOD/OSD:	\$ 6.7 million
USAID/OFDA:	\$ 9.6 million
USAID/FFP:	\$65.8 million
<u>USDA:</u>	<u>\$ 4.0 million</u>
TOTAL:	\$101.7 million

- * In addition, on July 17, the President authorized a drawdown of \$19 million from the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund (ERMA) to assist Rwandan and Burundi refugees, returnees and conflict victims. These funds will be provided to UNHCR and other international organizations working in the region.
- * The President also sent USAID Administrator Brian Atwood to Goma, Zaire on July 17 to assess relief efforts for refugees and displaced persons. USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) is providing funds for the airlift of emergency supplies to Goma.
- * The Department of Defense is planning a number of emergency airlifts into Goma in response to requests from UNHCR and other relief organizations.

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